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The law school perspective

How are legal educators responding to the changing nature of legal practice?



The need for change

TECHNOLOGY

Embrace digital disruption of practice

Digital literacy

Digital skills e.g. coding

Entrepreneurialism

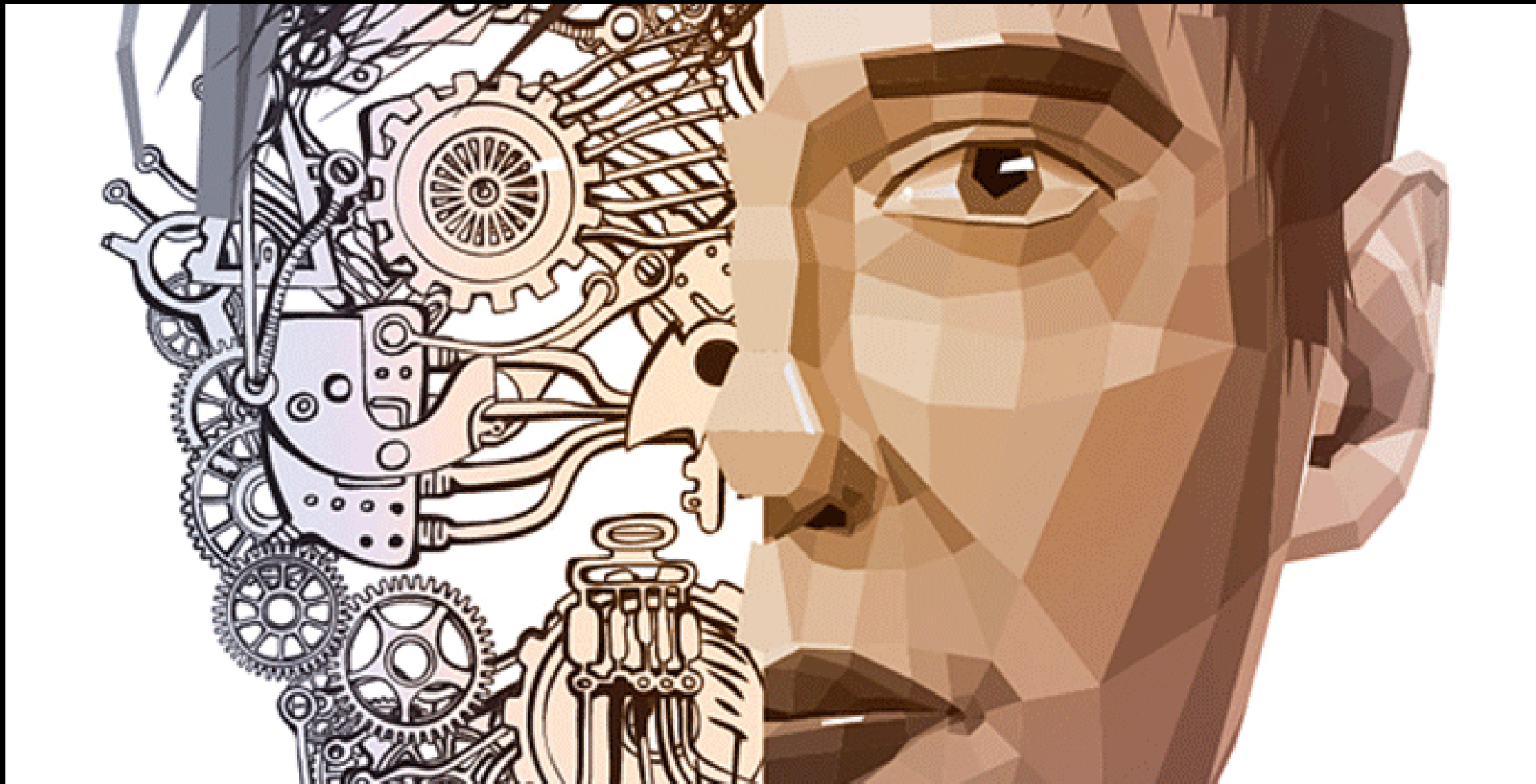
HUMANITY

Interpersonal skills

Emotional intelligence

Cultural competence

Moral leadership





*In a changing environment, the skills and areas of knowledge likely to be of increasing importance for the graduate of the future include: technology, practice-related skills (eg collaboration, advocacy/negotiation skills), business skills/basic accounting and finance, project management, international and cross-border law, interdisciplinary experience, resilience, flexibility and ability to adapt to change. Further consideration and research has been identified as being necessary to determine how these skills and knowledge areas could be taught **within existing curricula**.*

The Law Society of New South Wales, *The Future of Law and Innovation in the Profession Report* (2016), 6



Knowledge

- Contract law
- Tort law
- Criminal Law
- Property Law
- Equity
- Company Law
- Administrative Law
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- Civil Dispute Resolution
- Evidence
- Legal ethics

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- Written communication
- Oral communication and advocacy
- Dispute resolution
- Collaboration
- Statutory interpretation

Identity

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- Professionalism
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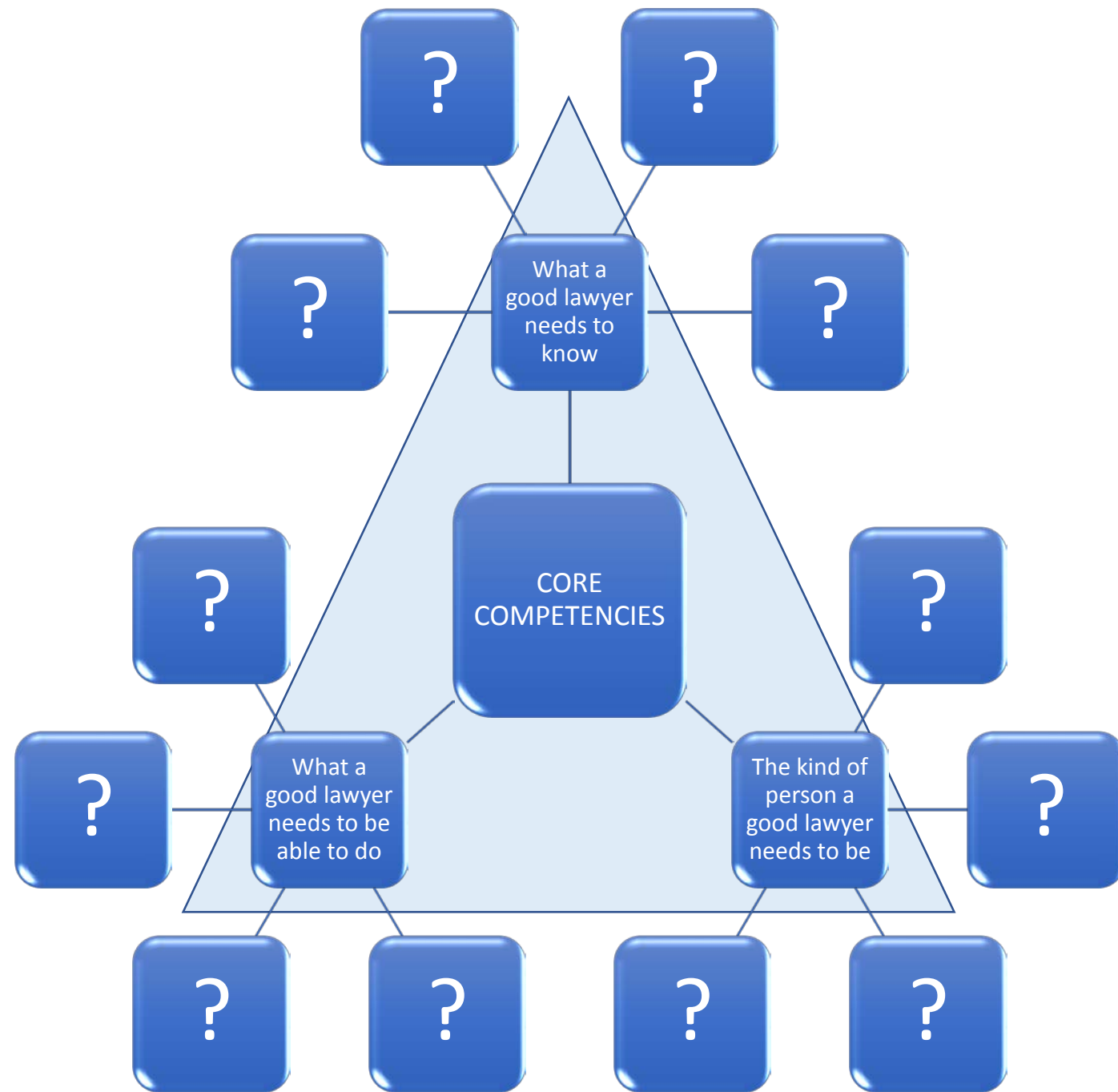
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Competencies



'The combination of observable and measurable **knowledge, skills, abilities and personal attributes** that contribute to enhanced employee performance and ultimately result in organizational success.'







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